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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Frater et al,

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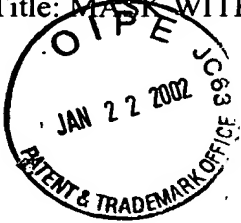
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing several references, several of which were cited in the enclosed: PCT Search Report dated August 30, 2001, Written Opinion dated January 8, 2002. No fee is due since the references are being filed before receiving a first office action on the merits.

Contingent Request Under Rule 97(c): Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under the above Atty Dkt. No., and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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